

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

THE GOSPEL CHORUS

1939 - 1989

ST. JAMES A. M. E. CHURCH

588 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD.

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 1989

3:20 P. M.

Mrs. Anna Younes, President

Rev. William D. Watley, Pastor

The race isn't given to the swift nor the strong
but to him that endures to the end.

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

SOON AND VERY SOON
Visiting Choirs

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LET US RUN
The Gospel Chorus

Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace

Invocation

Brother Lawson Turner

Scripture

Sister Mattie Guilford

Introduction of Mistress of Ceremonies

Sister Florence Stewart

Mistress of Ceremonies

Sister Mamie G. Blanks

Welcome Address

Sister Willa Moore

Response

Sister Nellie Smith

Selections

St. James Gospel Chorus

Selections

St. James Jubilee Choir

Solo

Brother Richard Maggette

Selections

St. James Inspirational Choir

Selections

St. James Male Chorus

Selections

St. James Cathedral Choir

Selections

Selections

Sermons in Song

PRESENTATIONS

Remarks

Sister Anna Youmes

Remarks

Rev. William D. Watley

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The Gospel Chorus of St. James A. M. E. Church was organized in 1939 under the leadership and pastorate of The Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Slade. The first president was sister Nettie Holt who served for one year. The choir was directed by Mrs. Maggette, the mother of Brother Richard Maggette and our pianist was sister Theresa Cavaness.

Sister Anna Youmes was then elected president and continues to serve to this day. The Gospel Chorus continued to sing to the glory of God under Rev. Mansfield E. Jackson, Rev. Eustace Blake, Rev. D. M. Owens, Rev. L. Sylvester Odom who was with us only a short while, Rev. Vernon R. Byrd and at present the Rev. William D. Watley.

During this period we have sung for the radio broadcast and the Wednesday night prayer service as well as making numerous appearances in and around the city of Newark. At present we sing three times a month at St. James.

We praise God for our time and talent after singing for fifty years. Three of the original members are still with us; Mrs. Anna Youmes who is still holding the office of president, sister Wilhelmina Anderson, our Chaplin, and sister Mattie Guilford, our Financial Secretary. We the members and officers of the St. James Gospel Chorus praise our God for letting us live and love to sing. We thank sister Willa Moore, our Vice President for keeping the Chorus together during the illness of Sister Youmes.

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Sister Anna Youmes, President
Sister Willa Moore, Vice President
Rev. William D. Watley, Pastor

Wiley & Frightman in the name

THE GOSPEL CHORUS

I've Got Sunshine In My Soul
Sister Anna Youmes President
Everyday In Walkers
Sister Willa Moore Vice President
the King
Sister Ann Woods Recording Secretary
Oh my
Sister Mattie Guilford Financial Secretary
What Love
Sister Mamie G. Blanks Assistant Secretary
Sister Willie Mae Kirksey Treasurer
Sister Wilhelmina Anderson Chaplin
Brother Lawson Turner Assistant Chaplin
Brother Samuel Snead Pianist

Sister Virginia Campbell
Sister Ethel Dooley
Sister Ruby McPherson
Sister Florence Stewart
Brother John D. Woods
Sister Celeste Wilson

Sister Beatrice Deese
Sister Elizabeth Lewis
Sister Ann Reynolds
Sister Pearl Thornley
Sister Ethel Williams

We the Gospel Chorus members wish to thank each of
you for your presence and your support, both spiritually
and financially on this our Golden Anniversary.